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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3733

BERNARD BRINKHAUS

Examiner: N. W. Woodall

Serial No.: 10/517,606

Filed: December 21, 2004

For: SPINAL COLUMN SUPPORT SYSTEM

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for three months for response to the Office action of July 19, 2006.

The appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 is paid herewith by credit card (Form PTO-2038). Any fees not accepted by the credit card amount shown on the Form PTO-2038 may be charged to Deposit Account 04-0753.

Respectfully submitted,

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